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CONVENTION

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Don't Cower

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of other workers who will have nice contracts but no jobs if we don't get the tools to work with.

And let's quit hiding behind the rank and file for an excuse. Let's be men in this Convention and step up to our responsibilities.

I remember the day I went up to Flint. I didn't have a referendum of the membership to see whether I would build a barricade in the Chevrolet plant. We didn't have five per cent of the Chevrolet workers with us, but we went in there and we built a union. And when I went over to Willow Run in those dark days when we faced Harry Bennett's gangsters I didn't say, "Well, I won't get out there. We are going to have a referendum vote of the rank and file first." We never would have had a union.

Leadership is what we need in this thing. What is leadership? Does a fellow who claims to possess the qualities of leadership, the integrity, the spiritual values that we talk about, say, "Tell us, boys, where you want to be led and I am your great leader, I will lead you?" No. You sit down and you look at the facts and you analyze those facts.

And nobody in this Convention can deny the simple fact that a worker cannot live in 1951 with 1946 wages, and neither can this Union. Nobody disputes that. But they give all kinds of arguments about referendum, the rank and file has to be consulted.

Brothers and Sisters, the minute you admit that the Union needs more money to buy better tools you are morally and organizationally obligated to support a dues increase so we can get those better tools. And when you try to hide behind the rank and file you are not being honest with the peole back home.

Talk about being afraid of the rank and file—I have to face the rank and file. I do face the rank and file. I face them when they are in the picket line. I stand on the platform. I talk to them more than any man in this Convention. In the last year, I have talked to 250,000 of the rank and file in strike meetings and in meetings all over the country.

Don't worry about the rank and file, because I have found every time when the chips are down you can count on the membership. But you have got to give them the facts. And if we pass this dues increase here and we go back home and explain the need, the membership will accept it just as they accepted it in 1946.

But the politicians in the 1946 Convention said, "Oh, wait until we get you at home. Oh, we are going to cut you off at the knees and make mincemeat out of you." But what happened? We stood up like a bunch of men down there and we increased the dues because we had to have it. And when we got back home there was no problem. There were no revolutions, because the rank and file today know that you can't do the job that must be done unless we have the tools to work with.

I am willing to work, as the other officers of this Union are willing to work, Yes, they talk about pork choppers. That's a popular thing. But I am the Number 1 pork chopper in this Union. But I joined this Union way back in the early days and I served on the International Executive Board for nine months and I didn't even get street car fare. I didn't cry about that, because I was doing what was in my heart.

So, the answer is not to kick a few people around you call pork choppers. The answer is to ask yourself the question, can we make this Union stronger? Can we do a better job for the rank and file? Can we fight their battles more effectively in Washington, at the bargaining table, and every other section where we must wage this fight to win these noble things we talk about? Ask yourself the simple, honest question, can we do those things better if we have better tools? And the answer is yes, and everybody in their own hearts knows it is yes.

I say if the answer to that question is yes, then we have no choice but to take the step in this Convention to do that job.

I'm willing to work day and night as I do in this Union. I don't ask for a medal. I don't ask for a bonus. I don't ask for anything excepting better tools to work with if you want to help do the job for the guys back home. That's all I want.

When the General Motors workers were on strike, I said to my wife, "I want to go before those guys and I want to say to them, 'Brother, we're fighting for a basic principle. Tighten your belt. Tell your wife and your kids you are sacrificing for an ideal.' "But," I said, "I want to tell those General Motors workers to sacrifice with a clear conscience," and I said to my wife, "I'm not going to take any pay during this strike because I want to sacrifice with these workers."

I did that in the Chrysler strike and I'll do it in every other major strike. I am not fighting for my pork chops. I don't care what you do about me, because I am in this thing for what is in my heart, not for what is in my pocketbook.

But I am not bargaining for Walter Reuther. I am bargaining for my Union. And, if I am asked to fight General Motors and not compromise, If I am supposed to sit in Washington and fight the battle there and not compromise, then by all the strength that God gave me I am not going to compromise here. I am going to fight for what we need.

What do you want me to do? Do you want me to sit on the street corners with a tin cup and beg for the money we need? That isn't the way you build a labor movement.

My dad tells me that we have got a pink tea party today compared to what the old timers used to have. And yet we are afraid to ask for one and a half minutes' more pay for this Union a day.

Brothers, let's don't sell our membership short. We have got the best rank and file in any union. What they need is leadership, and the place to give them that leadership is right in this Convention, and the time is right now. Give us the tools and we'll do the job.

Eddie Roman

The president of Doehler-Jarvis, Local 1058, takes the mike at the Cleveland convention to enter the debate.

Ford's Out Front — Against Dues

Opposition to the adjustment of the dues structure was spearheaded by Ford Local 600, most of the spokesmen from that local being the rallying point for the group who led the fight to lick the administration program.

Handbills and placards, and a preliminary fight on the Rules Committee establishment of a minimum of 700 delegates to demand a roll call vote—all these centered about the Ford delegates, led by Carl Stellato, president, and Kenneth Forbes, a former staff member.

The first speaker, Emil Mazey, took note of the Ford opposition, when he said:

"In 1937 we levied a dollar assessment to organize Ford. It was a Ford assessment. I was president of Briggs Local at that time and we collected a dollar from every one of our members.

"Hundreds of members of our Union were arrested and thrown in jail because they helped distribute literature out at Ford. And in May of 1937 at the Gate 4 overpass at Ford's, the Ford thugs brutally beat President Walter Reuther, Dick Frankensteen, Bob Kanter and numerous others because we were out there trying to help the Ford workers get a union. I missed a beating by a few minutes because Ford servicemen arrested me and threw me in a Dearborn jail. The Dearborn Police Department and the Ford Service Department were one and the same thing in 1937.

"The Ford thugs, on a second occasion, invaded the home of President Reuther and beat him in his home because of his efforts and the efforts of other members of our Union to help organize Ford. When the drive was intensified in 1940 and 1941, hundreds of our members participated in that drive to organize Ford workers. We had our volunteer organizers in practically every local union in the city of Detroit. I worked on that Ford drive. I helped give leadership in organizing Ford workers, and our members in every local in this country gave assistance by paying assessments to organize Ford at that particular time.

"When the strike began on April 1, 1941 we called a meeting of all of the Presidents of UAW Locals in the city of Detroit, and we said 'We are going to need assistance on the picket line. How many full-time people can you give us to do the job at Ford's?' and everyone in the cities of Toledo and Flint and Detroit and elsewhere responded. They sent out hundreds of people to give the Ford workers a union. And I say, I am a little sick and tired of seeing cheap politicians come to this Convention who have a one-point program against dues, not in favor of organizing or political action or other things. All they are in favor is getting re-elected. And I say that I am ashamed of some of the leadership of the Ford Local because, by God, your organization was made possible by people sitting in this room today.

"If the membership of our Union in 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940 and 1941 had as little integrity and as little courage as some of the people sitting in this Convention today, Ford workers would not now be with us, but because we had the guts, because we had the idealism and recognized the fact the Ford Workers had to have a union, we have over 120,000 Ford workers represented at this Convention today."

John Bonkowski

Local 12's Sergeant-At-Arms for the Convention keeps the traffic flowing at the microphone directly under the speaker's platform.

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Convention Reelects Officers Votes Modern Dues Structure

UAW Now Largest Union In World

Nearly two thousand UAW-CIO delegates from all over the United States and Canada reelected Walter P. Reuther president and Emil Mazey secretary-treasurer without opposition, and Richard T. Gosser and John W. Livingston vice-presidents by whopping majorities.

They nearly tore the Cleveland municipal stadium apart in four wild demonstrations for the top officers they reelected.

The day before, they voted the new $2.50 dues structure which eliminates all assessments by the International Executive Board and redistributes the union's funds, bowling over left-wing and demagogic opposition — along with a handful of other delegates whose memberships had instructed them.

They condemned the Washington bigwigs who had failed to halt inflation, expressed their views on domestic and international affairs, and laid their plans for more dramatic gains for Labor.

The annual wage was set as the next major UAW-CIO goal.

The Toledo resolution, calling for greater old age security paid at lower age levels in higher amounts was supported.

They heard Philip Murray, president of the national CIO, former Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas — and their own Walter Reuther and Emil Mazey — and got all of this done by Wednesday evening.

It was an eye-opener for visitors who kept the balcony well filled, for newspapermen from all over the East and Middle West who thronged the huge press section, and for delegates new to UAW-CIO international proceedings.

It was a practical demonstration of practical Democracy.

It got things done — and got them done after full and free debate.

Most unequivocal example of full debate was on the dues question. Walter Reuther, from the chair, gave alternate recognition to the speakers for and speakers against the new dues structure — although the opposition never reached beyond a quarter of the delegates present.

And at the end, the opposition, led by Commies and left-wingers who spoke fervently and frequently against the changes which would make UAW-CIO stronger than ever, could not even muster enough votes for a delaying action by roll call.

It had been apparent from the opening day that a move would be made to set up any dues change as an anti-administration campaign.

This was, it turned out, the proposal on which the anti-Reuther forces could muster a maximum of votes, for the left wing opposition was joined by delegates whose local membership had expressed themselves as against any increase.

Their total strength as a table count of hands eventually revealed, was 495, with the bulk of this concentrated in the left wing and the Ford local led by Carl Stellato.

The opposition teed off on the initial proposal and tried to defeat it on the floor. Failing that, they urged a roll-call vote on the proposal which had carried by hand vote overwhelmingly.

The strategy, according to observers, was that some delegates who were also local union officers, would fear for their political lives at home if they were recorded as having voted for the new dues structure.

Others declared that the in-

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Don't Cower Behind Rank and File: Reuther

My argument with Carl Stellato and people who take his position is not one of personalities. It is not one of politics, because I said yesterday the question of the dues increase transcended politics, it dealt with the very life and the very future of our Union.

I say, fellows, don't hide behind the rank and file. Don't ever try to hide behind the rank and file, because the rank and file is o.k. Brother Stellato was in my office less than ten days ago and pledged on his honor that he would come down here and support the dues increase even though the rank and file had voted. Then local politics changed his position since then, but that doesn't change the fact that he is drong.

They voted in Local 600 not on the dues increase. The referendum—and Stellato said himself it was kind of phony—provided to increase the strike fund to give every worker $40 a week strike benefits. That's what the Ford workers voted on, not the dues increase.

But let's lay that aside. What is the question before this Convention? The question before this Convention is, do we need better tools to do a job that must be done?

And when a delegate comes into this Convention he is seated as a delegate of the whole Union, because when you vote you do not pass a law, you do not write a constitution, you do not determine the dues that will be collected or the tools that we will have to work with just for your local union. When Carl Stellato casts his vote, he decides whether the Canadian workers can complete the job of organization in their region. And when Paul Silver casts his vote to try to block a dues increase, he is not talking about Local 351, he is talking about the Motor Products boys who are losing their jobs, and the Reynolds Spring boys who are losing their jobs, and hundreds

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NEW DUES

Here is the text of the proposal by the Constitutions Committee establishing the new dues structure—the change that set off the first major debate at the Convention.

It passed overwhelmingly, the opponents being unable to muster enough delegates to demand a roll call on it.

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SECTION 2 (Proposed new section). All dues are payable on or before the first day of the month to the financial secretary of the Local Union. Membership dues shall be two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per month or such greater sum as a Local Union or Unit of an Amalgamated Local Union may establish in accordance with the provisions of Article 45 and shall be uniformly required of all its members by each Local Union or Unit of an Amalgamated Local Union except as exoneration may be granted pursuant to Section 13 of this Article.

He'll Learn

C. E. Wilson told newspapermen he didn't know why Labor had pulled out of the minor positions four Labor representatives held within the Mobilization program.

"We have found a way to educate him," President Philip Murray of the CIO told the convention.

A Bargain

The Toledo Union Journal welcomes exchange with union brothers anywhere within the United States and Canada on the following friendly basis:

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LOCAL NEWS

News of the Toledo area delegates have been held up for the widest possible publication of the principle addresses at the Convention. But the Journal will run local stuff next week.

11 To 1

Vice President Richard T. Gosser was reelected on a roll call vote late Wednesday, defeating John Begg of Toledo, who ran in direct opposition, by about 11 to 1.

Closer, but not very close, was Walter Rogowski of Dodge Local 3, who polled 904 votes.

The five candidates for Vice President, according to an unofficial count, tabulated:

John W. Livingston, incumbent	8120
Richard T. Gosser, incumbent	7481
Walter Rogowski (Chrysler)	904
John Begg, Toledo (Auto-Lite)	694
David Moore (Ford)	307

"From The Heart—"

Bill Healey Nominating His Friend

Bill Healey Gave

Nominating Speech For Richard Gosser

What I have to say I say from the heart. And because I want to say it right I have written it down. I ask you to bear with me while I read it to you.

I want to place in nomination the name of a man who has been the target of a vicious, concentrated, anti-Labor campaign for more than nineteen months.

A combine of rich employers hurled their full weight against him.

A monopoly press singled him out for an unmerciful mauling and kept it going day after day.

A secret cell of unprincipled card carriers within this union — with a talent only for mud slinging — and a hodge-podge of stool pigeons, betrayers, and false friends formed an alliance with the press and the employers against this union man.

These three combined forces never let up for an instant in their drive to destroy this union man — never relaxed in their campaign to tear down what he had built.

Why?

The reason was plain enough to those who know how callous — how cold blooded — the greedy people in high places can be.

They wanted to tear him down because they knew that his destruction would be a severe blow to Labor — a dangerous and — perhaps disasterous blow to Labor in that particular region.

Again I say — Why?

The record is plain enough on that point.

He led the union fight that won more money in wage increases for the workers in that region than anyone had hoped for.

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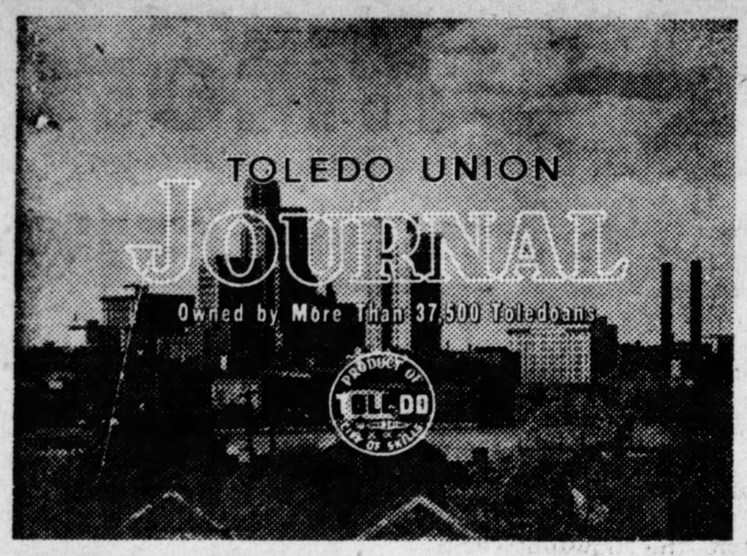

A Great Woman

ONE OF THE TRULY great speeches delivered before the UAW-CIO convention in Cleveland this week was that of Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas, the grand lady from California who served her state and her country in the Congress with such marked distinction for four years. Her defeat in her bid for the U.S. Senate from California last November was a loss not only to the people of California, but to the people of the whole country.

Mrs. Douglas was given a standing ovation by the convention. We think she deserved the ovation. She deserved it because she put into such eloquent words the thinking, feeling and aspirations of our people. But, let Mrs. Douglas speak for herself:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your invitation to speak to this great Convention, to speak to one of the outstanding Unions in this country, whom I put among the first three, and the first perhaps in the ability to voice the hopes and aspirations and needs of our people. You have a great President and you have made a great Union, and I thank you for this opportunity of speaking with you a little about the opportunities and the responsibilities that face us as a people today in the world.

I do not think that the principles upon which freedom rests in this land are partisan at all, and I am sure no one else does, except a very few strange people who have grown up in our midst.

But how we serve those principles, what we do about what we believe in, about that there can be an honest difference of opinion and there is a difference of opinion, and I stand firmly on the side that the UAW stands on.

I believe in people; I like people. I think people are capable of governing themselves.

I believe in the worth of every human being. I believe in equal opportunity for all men — not that I believe that all men are equal. I don't believe any two men here in this great hall today are equal, not equal in mental capacities, physical endurance, devotion, powers of concentration and dedication, but equal before God, equal to have the right to develop their talents as best they can and then to contribute those talents as best they see how, allowed to make whatever contribution they are able to make to their community. I believe in that passionately and deeply, and I fought for those principles in the Congress of the United States, and I fought for them long before I went to the Congress of the United States.

What is it today that faces us as a people? When you look over finally the resolution that will embody the spirit and understanding of this Union, what is it that those resolutions will say? What is the path that we are lining out for ourselves . . .

What is our purpose, not just as a union? What is our purpose as a nation? Because a nation must have a purpose as an individual must have a purpose or you merely improvise from day to day, and that means you go nowhere at all. And that means that you crumble the first time you meet another individual or another nation who has a purpose no matter how high or how low that purpose may be. What is the purpose of the United States? What is the purpose of this free people with our greate heritage?

You know, Abraham Lincoln said that democracy must be preserved because it had an international purpose. I believe to day that we must fight to make democracy as dynamic as it is in our power to make it, because the purpose of our lives is to build a free world.

I say to you, having worked for six years as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee that we will either have a free world or a totalitarian world. I, for one, am not afraid of Communism. I am not afraid of Communism because I do not believe that any man or woman in the whole world, whether his or her skin is black or yellow or tan prefers slavery with food if he can get food with freedom and honor and decency.

I remember back when newspapers were militant, when if they heard but a breath of rumor of crime or organized crime in connection with politics they sent men out to run it down. Where have the newspapers been?

Why is it that for the last few years Saratoga has been so far away from Albany?

What I am getting at is this, I hope that in the recent revelation of these crimes, organized crimes around the country, we won't sit quietly back and say, "Oh, yes, Mr. X was responsible," and let it go at that.

There has been a mortal let-down in this country that is very, very serious, and those who are most holy, now riding white horses, have sat idly back with folded hands watching the corruption that took place between politicians and those versed in crime, not just in the big cities, may I say, not just in the big cities, but in small communities as well.

So that in the job we have to do ahead I think that we need to look at ourselves in order that we may realistically go about our business, in order that we may have a purpose that fills us with new energy, new hope, new confidence, new inspiration.

Is this a crusade for freedom or is it another chance for a few greedy, short-sighted people to line their pockets with gold that they will never be able to spend? It should be a crusade, a holy crusade. It is a religious crusade, a deeply religious crusade.

It is time we turned back to first principles. There should be equal sacrifice in this crusade. I don't say that because I happen to be adressing a union. I say it because I deeply believe it. I say it because I don't think we can win any other way.

All this talk about having gotten prices under control at the moment — I am going to say very little about that. I have said so much about it in Congress and you have said so much about it at your convention.

All I can say is that inflation has been securely stabilized.

HELEN GETS LIFE

Helen Gahagan Douglas got life for inciting to riot at the UAW-CIO convention.

When she had concluded one of the most inspiring addresses the Autoworkers have ever heard, Delegate Crump from Buick Local 599 rose to ask consent on his motion to award a life-time membership in the Local.

Walter Reuther sweet-talked him out of it and the convention awarded her, instead, a life-time honorary membership in UAW-CIO.

And, as President Reuther pointed out to her, "We raised the dues yesterday," but "you don't have to pay any."

The idea of superior men, the idea that some men are born to ride herd on other men is utterly abhorrent to me. And I say that this opportunity that we have, to carry the methods and techniques and help to the backward areas of the world is one that we should welcome wholeheartedly.

Interesting, you know, that those very people in our political life who have fought against every effort to allow our democracy to grow and to extend its blessings to a greater and greater number of people, those are the very people now who talk about rocks of Gibralter, who talk about retiring on a rock someplace in the world and leaving democracy high there, surrounded by a sea of Communism.

Fearful people; fearful people. Afraid of ideas and people at home. You know, some folks can't bear to be in great crowds because they are afraid. They are afraid of people — they are afraid of the force, the dynamism that comes from them. Then these people who would be leaders, of course, are afraid when they get into the international scene.

You have made a great contribution as a Union. I congratulate you. This Convention is more than just a coming together to take the pulse of the times and to see what you offer for the next year. It is a great moral rallying point for the whole nation because the nation has come to look to the UAW and to Walter Reuther for moral leadership.

Again you set the example of free men. No one asks you to do the kind of work that you do day in and day out in Washington and around the country. You use self discipline.

You have set your tasks and you live up to those tasks.

I thank you for the support that you have given me always in Congress and out of Congress. I thank you for my endorsement. Coming from a union of your quality and your purpose it meant very much to me. And may I say that in the days and in the years ahead if ever there is a real good scrap around that you think will promote democracy, send it a little further forward, extend freedom to a few more people, and if I am not completely crippled and blind by then, will you send for me to come and fight with you?

Thank you.

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Regional Views

By Richard T. Gosser
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ALTHOUGH AS THIS IS written our International Convention is still in high gear and far from adjournment, it is possible to evaluate the work already done and to say a few words about how our convention is functioning. Last week I'd said that those who attack us so relentlessly, accusing us of dictatorial methods, should take the time and visit our sessions in Cleveland. I particularly extended this invitation to one man in Toledo who never tires in abusing us and our union.

Well, I don't know if anyone took me at my word or not, but I sure hope they did. For if ever there was a great gathering of spirited people; people with strong convictions and with plenty of courage to voice those convictions—certainly such a gathering is our convention. Out of the 2,200 delegates there are any number who will take sides on every issue that hits the floor of our convention. And it is to the eternal credit of our union; its great and democratic traditions and to the leadership of President Reuther that opportunity is given to those who care to voice their opinions—however popular or unpopular—before this great gathering.

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IN THE UAW-CIO we say that democracy, if it is to endure, must live and must be dynamic. We say that we don't believe in pious phrasemongering about democracy. To do that without sincerely believing and practicing democracy would be a fraud upon democracy itself. And whatever our enemies may say about us—and they certainly say plenty—they cannot accuse us of being fraudulent when it comes to democratic action. We say that we believe in the plainest possible language and we practice what we say we believe in.

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THE OUTSTANDING achievement of our convention so far—as this is written Wednesday morning—is the decision to raise our dues from the present $1.50 per month to $2.50 per month. Because of petty political considerations quite a few of our delegates were opposed to raising our dues. They opposed it not because they did not feel that our union needs the additional revenue to do the job that lays ahead of us, but because they wanted to play politics with this question. After all it is always popular with those of our members who do not understand the fundamental stakes involved, to oppose paying increased dues. These delegates, these local leaders—a mere handful from Toledo—thought that they could become popular heroes by advocating the continued financial starvation of our internation union.

But the top leadership of our union did not hesitate to take this "unpopular" issue before the convention. It not only not hesitated, but told the convention that the issue itself is a vote of confidence or no confidence in the leadership. The top officers and board members—speaking through President Reuther and Secretary-Treasurer Mazey—told the delegates that "if you believe in our leadership, vote for the dues increase and so give us the tools with which to carry on our great work." The convention, by overwhelming vote, demonstrated its faith in this leadership by increasing the dues as proposed by the administration.

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SINCE THE MILWAUKEE convention our union has come a long way. In Milwaukee we said we wanted pensions, insurance and medical programs for our membership to be paid for by the employers. Today, just 20 months later, over a million UAW-CIO members are covered by these programs. True, these programs are not as liberal as we would like to have them, the pensions are not high enough especially in view of current runaway prices, but it is "a good beginning, a good foundation to build on." We say we are out to get $200 a month pensions and we shall do so. In most of our plants the medical programs are paid jointly by the workers and the employers. Only in a relatively few instances do we find where the employer pays the entire bill. Well, before we get through with that program the employer will have to foot the bill all the way. The employer makes every provision to provide for his mechanical equipment. We believe that the "human machine" should at least be treated in a similar fashion.

Another great goal set by this convention of ours is the looming fight for the guaranteed annual wage. I know that there are people who think that this is just another fantastic dream never to be realized. But these people are wrong. They have no faith in our membership and in the leadership of our union. We have accomplished many an "impossible" task in the past and we shall accomplish this one. All we need is the united and steadfast support of our membership and nothing can stop us.

And I know that we shall get just such loyal and steadfast support from our rank-and-file.

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I COULD GO ON and on, writing about this great union of ours, but space does not permit. I simply want to close by saying that I am truly proud to be a member and an officer of our union; and that if anyone wants to learn how democracy operates in a great organization, he ought to watch the UAW-CIO in action.

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"A News Service for All the Champion Spark Plug Family"

Irene Nowak, Dept. E, 2nd Shift

First of all I want the department to know that last week my news column wasn't in, although I handed it in, it was misplaced somewhere, so I'll try to remember some of the news that was meant to be in last week.

The girls miss Lillian Bocian from the stud line, who is on sick leave. They all wish her a speedy recovery.

Rosemary Babos was welcomed back to work by everyone after being out some time.

My sympathy goes to the boys in Dept. A and B. I work there on Friday. It certainly is a noisy place. I hope their wives are sympathetic with them if they forget themselves and speak loudly at home.

The girls wish to welcome Esther Jankowski back to work after several weeks of illness. Take it easy, Esther.

Say, Rose and Grace, how do you like coffee with salt in it. I guess the girls are sweet enough that they put salt in their coffee instead of sugar.

Beatrice Clark and her husband are celebrating their 5th wedding anniversary. Beatrice was all dressed up the 30th of March as befitted this occasion. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Clark and may you have many more happy years together.

Victoria Kurasinski wants to thank the Unit Body for the lovely flowers she received while ill in St. Vincent's Hospital. It helped make Easter more pleasant.

Alice Mate came back on the 2nd shift, the girls were all glad to have her back.

We are all glad to have our stewardess, Carrie Moore, back at work again. Hope you are feeling better, Carrie.

im Vinson, Dept. D, 2nd Shift

Blanche Evans, who has been absent for several months because of illness, returned to work recently. We really missed you, Blanche.

Marie Miller, absent for the same reason since January, we gladly welcome back, also.

When things are a little dull, Stella Radabaugh can be depended on to liven things up. The latest contribution of Stella's is a snapshot of herself as she reclined on the floor of her home, clad only in a pair of scanties made for her by a friend at Christmas. As a pin-up gal, we've seen nothing more attractive, Stella.

March is on the march and soon April showers will be coaxing the hepaticas and violets, and daffodils into bloom. Lawn rollers, hoes, spades and rakes will be coming out of hiding and lawn mowers will soon be purring, not to mention the advent of fishing equipment.

We have just learned that the person who had the happy idea of sending that letter to Bob Waldmanstetter was Katherine Menard. How we ever received any credit for this mystifies us. Our apologies to Mrs. Menard.

A generous collection was taken in "D" for Edna Kramer, who has been hospitalized, and absent since early in February. Edna is now convalescing from her operation at home. Edna's address is 1348 Grand Ave., she will be pleased to hear from begiiends.

Congratulations to Don and elen Welch on their adoption a baby girl. We're pleased to ear that Helen is recovering from her illness of several months.

Charles Pugh, who informed President Truman that his group was daily remembering him in their devotions, has a reply from the President's secretary, stating his appreciation. A carton of cigarettes was given to Charles, recently, by those he supplies in appreciation of his good service.

Bud Young, who is home on furlough, paid a visit to his friends in "D" Thursday night. We're sorry we missed seeing you, Bud.

Rita Rybarczyk will celebrate with her husband their wedding anniversary April 10th. Rita will also have a birthday April 18th. Our best wishes to you both.

The restaurant committee is now composed of Eddie Scott in "A", Carrie Moore in "E", Vera Eickholt in "L" and yours truly in "D" second shift.

Marion Taylor, Marie Miller and Sophia Swiderski will transfer to Dept. "L" Monday. We'll miss you girls.

Our good friend and fellow inspector, Paul Morgan, was stricken suddenly March 30th and we honestly hope that his condition will speedily improve.

Did you note the group picture of the Champion Shop Committee in last week's Journal? Hats off to the Journal for publishing this.

Leonard (English) Borglin, Dept. D, 1st Shift

Blood donors from this department last week were Jean Meek, Vern Montague, Erwin Jachowiak and Kenneth Berkel. Thank you, folks, for your generosity and I'm sure those you gave for thank you, too.

What do you know? Peg Altweis' dog had 4 pups, born on Good Friday. Good breed, too, they're called all American muts, named "Eenie, Meenie, Minee and Moe." For their sex, see Peg.

Walter Lewis was a proud grandpa on March 30th, when his daughter gave birth to a son. Congratulations. Mother and baby are doing just fine. A little on the darker side for Walter is the fact that Mrs. Lewis is in Riverside Hospital. We need blood donors to help her on the road to recovery, however, we are sure that our donors will come through for her as they have for many others. Hope Mrs. Lewis improves rapidly.

We were very sorry to hear that Alice Lee's father had passed away, March 27th. Our deepest sympathy to Alice and all the survivors.

Arnold Weiss celebrated his birthday March 28th. He bought his friends and fellow workers candy, coffee, etc. Congratulations, Arnold, and may you celebrate many more such happy occasions.

Pretty little Dorothy Sobolewski was gaily passing out candy to her many friends March 30th to commemorate one more happy birthday. May you have many more, Dorothy.

Ask Pete Sabo, that gay young gent, what happened one morning last week, when he sliced a chunk out of his finger with a straight razor. Was it too early in the A.M. or did you think you were on K.P. duty? K.P. means keep peeling.

Al 'Tucker' Tucholski, Dept. B, All Shifts

Have you seen Walt Bitz with his new hair-do? It's very becoming. He knew that if he did not get one pretty soon it would be coming off anyway.

Robert Ressler showed the boys some real bowling last week. Starting with 150 he finished with 222 and 233 for a 605 total. He must have taken a lesson from Mel Kwiatkowski. They tell me that when Mel gave Ed Mowka one lesson Ed bowled a 278 game for high single in the league. Ray and Frank are waiting for Frank to take them on the lanes. Is he waiting for hotter weather?

Felix Gorney takes over Ed Baginski's set-up job with Ed taking over on days.

Jimmy Byczynski is back at work after being off with a back ailment. Others back on the job after battling the 'flu' are Walt Bitz, Felix Gorney, Les Wentz, Ralph Cowdrey, Earl Cole, Tom McCarthy, Ray Shaneau, Frank Sobczak, Bill Sever and Lincoln Graham. Glad to see you back, fellows.

The Frank Kurdziels are now the proud parents of a baby boy. Papa works in "B", while Virginia works in "E". Congratulations, folks.

Mel Kwiatkowski claims that they could start the World Series next week if they could name the National League pennant winner. (Prediction for October made in April is Yanks to win 'Series' in five games).

Colonel Tarver, Dept. E, 1st Shift

Colonel Tarver wishes to pass on to his readers, a human interest story about a typical American boy of today, who has been torn from the moorings of his familiar home environment and trained in our services to fight against aggression so that our America will be kept a free country, for you and me. God bless all of them. The name of this boy is John Grup, Jr., who has just completed his training and is now on the high seas sailing on the U.S.S. Helena bound for Korean waters. You have our prayers for a safe early return, Jack. (Jack is the son of our Unit Chairman, John Grup).

Happy birthday to Julia Hassen, March 16th; Helene Suzor, March 28th; Stella Rybinski, March 28th; Beatrice DeCelle, March 30th; Stella Siwa, March 16th. Many happy returns of the day from all of us.

Genevieve Lohberger and Marie Palicki were welcomed by their many friends when they came on the 1st shift last week.

Sydney Bishop made a change to the stud lines and is apparently happy with the new arrangement. Best wishes, Syd.

Mrs. Val Ch?????? returned to work last week from her recent honeymoon, looking radiantly happy. It couldn't happen to a nicer couple. Congratulations from all of us.

Alice Mate returned to the 2nd shift to be with her husband. Best wishes, Alice.

Mary Wood celebrated her 8th anniversary as a Champion worker last Friday. Hope you see many more such events, Mary.

Rhea Badger returned to work last week after an absence of 5 months due to illness. Think of all the ice and snow you didn't ahve to plow through, Rhea. Nice to have you back.

Dutch O'Brien came back to work last week, following recovery from a major surgical operation. No one can take your place with us, Dutch.

Orlie Elliott celebrated his 22nd anniversary at Champion last Friday. His friends joined with him in providing a pot luck dinner. Stanley Przeniczny, Herman Scheible and Harrison Bass were responsible for the smoothly worked out celebration. Congratulations.

Sam Bassford retired last week amid a display of cordiality seldom equalled, even at Champion. Sam was terminating a service that began in 1917, a total of 34 years. He was the oldest employee (in point of service) he was presented a bill fold containing 7 ten dollar bills by the youngest employee, Rose Scallish. This gift was purchased for Sam from money donated by over 160 fellow workers. The occasion of the presentation was an elaborate luncheon at noon Friday. Thelma Carey, Alicja Pawlicki, Sophia Younkers, Irene Machinski and Mary Murray capably managed these details. Nice going, Sam, and how does it feel to be a gentleman of leisure?

Louise Burkland, on behalf of her mother, Mrs. George Leonard, wishes to thank the men at Champion who recently made it possible for her husband to have a critically needed blood transfusion.

Department L

Congratulations and many happy returns of the day to Margaret Roll, Helen Kaszulski and Katherine Robb who celebrated their birthdays last week. Happy birthday to all of you.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Henrietta (Cookie) Hartzell on the passing on of her grandmother. Our sympathy to all the survivors.

Frances Hartzell was a grandmother last week to six tiny mice. The mother was presented to Frances as an Easter gift and shortly after the second shift started to work she gave birth to the children. Tom Trader is tied up with this episode in some manner, but we can't find out all the particulars.

Come on Dept. L, let's hear from you with some news of this department.

FOR SALE—All new. Must sell, leaving state. Cost over $2,000. Will sell for $1,500 cash or $300 for my equity and take over payments. Contact Lillian Watts, Dept. E, 2nd shift, or call LE. 5101.

BLISS FOUNDLINGS

Nick Mikolajewski

No wonder nobody misses him! To be able to walk between the pupils of a man's eyes unseen, you have to have the desired size and shape — I hear Harry Ainsworth has it.

Having the stature of a twelve year old boy, sure helped Clarence Sauer, beat the rising cost of living. Don't be surprised to find him in a boys clothing department.

We wonder what excuses the boys will give their wives on Friday, now that the bowling season is about over? Start thinking boys.

James Folsom last Saturday put on a fashion display at the Foundry. I guess he was envied by all, while strolling around with his Sunday best. Saturday will not be on the pay check James.

Wonder what Johnny Sobieralski, has done wrong lately, we see he is being escorted home after work by none other than his son — We thought you could be trusted John?

Bert DeBolt complained about his write-up, which appeared last week, but I believe by the way he kept smiling, that he only wanted me to notice his Store teeth. Give the boys a Colgate smile, Bert, but watch out for the drain in the shower room.

Harold Ward we see is no clock watcher, if it had not been for Al Gleespen, Harold might have stayed in his job all night when failing to hear the quitting whistle. Where is your buddy, Harold?

Some of the boys are wondering why they pay for the Union Journal but the Journal is not sent out. Write in your name and correct address and we will see if we can not correct the situation.

The news letter box for you has been placed across from the time clock so put in your suggestions. We had a few good ones so far.

I am told Walter Klatt and his superior bowling team, Local 348, lost three games to the Moulders, due to the big wind capacity of "Sunshine Schimming". Tie a gag on him fellows.

The Foundry team with Wilbur Kranz, in rugged form last week, LOST to the Pattern Shop. Whatsa matter Will, the ally a bit ruff this week?

After considerable trouble making and hanging a warm pop sign on the pop machine, Pete Johnson noticed one of the Cupola gang read the sign and pull it off, put in a nickel and then yell bloody murder that the pop was hot. Couldn't be Joe Polis?

The whole shop will observe the week of July 4th, as vacation week.

One of our brothers was fishing with a piece of wire, trying to fish his keys, he had locked in his car, seeing this Henry Ainsworth, offered to drive him home for a spare key and did so. A solution suggested by Henry to the problem could not have been more simple. A retrieveing mouse to slip in and get his keys. Anybody have mice for sale?

Let us have more sugegstions next week.

Nick Mikaljewski.

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Opening Address Of Walter P. Reuther

It has been said many times in many places that the UAW-CIO is a different kind of trade union, that we are different in many respects from the old-line trade unions. I think the fact we are meeting here today proves conclusively the UAW is certainly a different kind of union, because what union in America other than the UAW-CIO would convene its Thirteenth Convention on April Fool's Day?

The Convention is convening at perhaps the most crucial period in world history. There is great fear and uncertainty in the world. Hundreds of millions of people are wondering what the next twelve years are going to bring, whether the world will have war or peace. We in America and in Canada, because we live in the strongest of free nations of the world, have a double responsibility in this period when free men and free institutions are being challenged by the forces of aggression throughout the world.

And we in the organized labor movement have been saying for a long time that the struggle between tyranny and freedom, the struggle between Communism and Democracy, is a struggle for men's minds, their hearts and their loyalties, and you cannot win that struggle if you fight only on the battlefields.

If we are going to make freedom secure and really stop the forces of Communist tyranny, then we have to fight against poverty and hunger and insecurity with the same devotion with which we fight against Communist aggression on the battle fronts. Communism has perfected the techniques of exploiting poverty and hunger, and when people are hungry and when they are destitute you cannot fill their empty bellies and their empty hearts with pious slogans. We have to meet the pratcical challenge of the world where mankind for the first time has got the tools of production to conquer, poverty and hunger and insecurity. We have to demonstrate that we are going to fight to use those tools to abolish poverty and hunger.

You hear a lot of talk these days, and the editorial writers waste a lot of newsprint talking about the fact labor has walked out of the defense agencies, and the boys in Wall Street are beating their chests and saying they are prepared to bleed and die in the fight against world Communism.

I say anyone who know anything about Communism and the problem of fighting Communism will have to arrive at the conclusion that we have arrived at—that the free labor movement of today is Democracy's strongest bulwark against Communism. In every nation in the world where there is a strong, powerful trade union movement with the will and the courage to fight to win a full measure of economic security and social justice for the workers, Communism is weak.

But in other countries where there are not free labor movements, where the great mass of people are denied economic and social justice—in those countries Communism is strong. And we say to the boys in Wall Street the free labor movement has forgotten more about the practical fight against Communism than the Wall Street boys will ever know, because we are fighting it where it counts.

We know that Communism attempts to exploit human desperation and that it offers a promise to the hungry and dispossessed peoples of the world — a promise of economic security with a price tag. They promise economic security at the price of political and spiritual enslavement. The fight we have is to prove to other people in Asia, in Europe, in South America, in Africa, and all over the world—where people are struggling for freedom and for social justice, that in the kind of world we are fighting to build it is possible to have both bread and freedom.

Freedom without bread is slavery, mockery, and bread without freedom is slavery and mockery. You have to have both bread and freedom and we must sell that idea to the world, not with pious slogans, but by tangible and practical achievements.

That's what the UAW-CIO is all about—security and dignity and happiness for people, for you and me and our children so they, in their day, will struggle to carry the ball ahead in the eternal struggle to make progress for people. To the extent that that struggle bears the fruits of practical achievement—to that extent we shall strengthen the forces of freedom in the struggle against Communist tyranny in the world.

We have made great progress since the last Convention, and I want to thank the other officers and the Executive Board members for their cooperation and teamwork. We said in Atlantic City we were going to have teamwork in the leadership and solidarity in the ranks. That was the combination that could give us the power to move forward. I say we have done that.

On this platform on the backdrop there is the slogan of the Milwaukee Convention—"Health, Opportunity, Security; For These We Fight." And we have added a slogan on the bottom, "We Are On Our Way."

We have just begun to fight, but we have laid the foundation for building in the future a structure of social security that will give our workers the security and dignity to which they are entitled.

We have won for almost a million workers, since the Milwaukee Convention, approximately $125 a month pensions, when they are too old to work and too young to die. And the real significance of our pension is not in the $125. The real significance—and we said it over and over again; and every worker ought to understand this clearly —the real significance lies in the fact that we have started to build this social security program on a solid foundation.

No other union in America took on that fight; no other union was willing to hit the bricks over the basic principle of funding, but we knew that funding was the key to the program that would guarantee a worker a pension for the rest of his life. A pension that can be taken away from you after you have retired is no security.

Up here is a slogan that says, "Pensions, $200 a Month." And I can say to you now that not too far down the road I expect to have an opportunity of standing before a convention and saying that the membership of the UAW-CIO now has $200 a month pensions in every contract.

We have to fight to lower the eligibility rule. We have to fight to get vested rights and the ability to transfer credits. The guaranteed funded program is the key to these other matters, because when the money is in a trust fund you can win these other things much easier.

Our fight in this field of social security has not been for our members alone. We have fought for all the people.

And the UAW more than any other organization in America is responsible for the fact we broke the legislative log jam in Washington where for twelve years we could not get increased social security. Industry was blocking increased social security legislation, and we said to them, "Either you go along in Washington, where you pay only half of it, or we will make you pay all of it through collective bargaining." We did not convert them because they thought there was justice on our side; it was conversion through the pocketbook.

Where our appeal to their sense of justice and to their sense of decency, too many of these callous executives of corporations will just look at you with complete indifference; but when you begin to put some pressure on their pocketbook nerve they jump through the hoops.

We have hospital medical care provisions in contracts covering a million and a quarter workers which provide that the companies pay from one-half to the total cost of hospital medical care for the worker and his whole family. It is not going to be too far down the road until we report to a convention that every worker has complete hospital medical care paid for entirely by every corporation. When we fight in Washington for social legislation, the big insurance companies, who are tide in with America's corporations, are down there fighting to block our legislative program and all progressive legislation.

These great insurance companies, like Metropolitan, Prudential and John Hancock are all tied in with General Motors and Ford and Chrysler, and I say they are getting hundreds of millions of dollars in profits out of the workers of America. We ought to put a stop to that.

And I hope this Convention will authorize the Executive Board to set up a non-profit UAW-CIO insurance company to take care of our own insurance problems.

On vacation pay we have made great progress, but there again we have just begun to fight. We got 120 hours in many contracts. The eligibility requirements are too high, but we have 120 hours. That is a long way from where we were back in 1936 and 1937. Go back and look at those contracts. They didn't even mention vacation with pay. I negotiated the first contract in Local 174 back in 1937, and when I stood before the membreship in that plant and reported that I had won $10 in vacation pay they thought I was a hero.

If the executives in the front office who don't do any manual work are so exhausted they need a month's vacation, then the guys in the plant who do the work ought to have at least a month. And we are going to have that month.

And then we have got a job down the road which is perhaps one of the most important tasks that we have taken on. That's the job of winning a guaranteed annual wage. Oh, there will be people of little faith and little courage who will say, "window dressing." They said that about union security clauses. They said it about 120 hours' vacation. They said it about the pension program.

I saw the leaflets that were passed out in some locals after we had that sign up at the Milwaukee Convention. They said, "Some more of Reuther's noble promises, but you will never get them."

But we said that we were going to get them between these two conventions, and we did.

We are prepared to mobilize our Union to win a guaranteed annual wage just as we won these other things.

This is not only a matter of economic justice for the workers. It s a matter of economic necessity, because we cannot hope to achieve full employment and full production and full distribution in a free economy unless we begin to get tools like the guaranteed annual wage with which to work.

The most difficult unsolved problem that free men face in the world in which we live is the achievement of full employment in peacetime. In 1929, we had sixteen million unemployed in America. In 1939 after the New Deal had been priming the pump for years, we still had nine million unemployed. Adolph Hitler solved that problem, because we put the unemployed to work making the weapons of war. We got over that crisis and in 1949 we had four and a half million people unemployed. Now Joe Stalin, because he carries out his program of Soviet imperialism, is creating full employment in America. Again we have to make the weapons of war.

We say to the people of America: "We are going to fight and fight and fight until we find a way to put people to work making the good things of life just as well as we are able now to put them to work making the weapons of war."

Why can't we? The problem is purchasing po The people have needs, but they do not have money to satisfy those needs and that is why we in trouble. All of the basic wage policies of the U are directed to solution of getting into balance ability to consume the wealth we create by hav adequate purchasing power. That is why in 1945 General Motors we talked about a wage incre without a price increase.

Time after time when we won a wage incre they took it away in higher prices. In ten years y union won sixty-six cents an hour in higher pay, at the grocery store we won only six cents in p chasing power. Sixty cents of that sixty-six cents paid to the workers in the wooden nickels of inf tion. That is why in May, 1950, we decided to negotiate the cost-of-living escalator clause annual wage improvement clause in the Gene Motors' Contract, because we believed that inflati ary pressures were going to drive the cost of liv up, and we were right.

We were right in our basic assumption, and cause we did the job we did, the GM workers go 19-cent package the first of June. They got anot nickel in September; they got three more cents December; and they got another nickel in Mar making a total of 32 cents in nine months. And end of the road is not yet in sight. I say that there at least eight cents due in June—four cents cost living and four cents annual improvement. That mean 40 cents an hour in a 12-month period. We say without fear of contradiction that no other un in a comparable period in the history of the Ameri labor movement has won that kind of gains for numbers of workers that we represent.

We know that the cost-of-living thing doesn't g you any more purchasing power. It just protects y We know that the four-cent annual wage impro ment is not enough. We know we are entitled t more than four cents, but the principle is there u which we can build in the future. And, brother, pr ciples are more important than a couple of penn because if you win principles you can build on th principles in the future. That is the basic wage st egy of our union.

Now, we are in trouble. We are in serious trou in Washington because there are people down th who would like to take away from the automo workers the gains they have won and the protect which they have embodied in their basic contract am happy to report to this Convention that to d we have been successful in defending our contra and that we have had the complete and united s port of all branches of organized labor through United Labor Policy Committee.

The fight of labor in Washington transcends t interests of labor alone. This is a fight for all t American people. We are fighting for wage earne for farmers, for consumers generally. We are fighti for people who are living on fixed incomes. We are fighting for the wives and the kids of the vi men who are trying to make ends meet on their adequate service pay. And to the extent that associate our struggle with the needs of all the peo —to that extent we shall be successful.

We are not fighting the government, although t newspapers would have it appear that way. We a fighting big business which is trying to take over t government. They are trying to do through the ba door what they could not do through the front do at the ballot box in 1948.

They passed a price control law which you an know and every American housewife knows is fraud upon the American people. Why did they pas this phony control propositon? They wanted a excuse to freeze wages. The price of everything w buy is going up, and yet they talk about freezi wages. There are no quality controls. The chisele and the profiteers can take you through the wringe not only on the price end of the thing but on th quality end as well.

The whole program in Washington is to make t little guys pay the whole bill. The rich are getti richer and the poor are getting poorer.

We know that the price of freedom is high a we are prepared to pay our share of the cost of d fending freedom, but we insist that everybody pay h proportionate share.

What we are really saying is that that we have cut down on the standard of luxury of the peo who have too much before we cut down the standa of living of the people who have too little.

The little people are paying the same tax bill th paid in the last war, and a family with a $500,000 i come is paying $40,000 less. Corporation profits a scandalous ,and yet they are not paying their sh of the tax bill. The government gives tax rebates a provisions to guarantee high profits, but the little g is paying the bill.

If you have too little they take it away from y and if you have got too much they give you more.

Just look at what some of the fat boys are getti in salaries, and then apply the ten per cent formu to their salaries.

Look at C. E. Wilson of General Moto C. Wilson of General Motors in 1949 got $586,0 under the wage formula he can get a $58,600 inc That's a $29.30 an hour increase on the basi 40-hour week.

And yet in Washington the Stabilization two weeks ago turned down a case in which a of service employes in some of the buildings there, who were getting 50 cents an hour h gotiated a wage contract or a six cent an wage increase. They turned them down bec exceeded the ten per cent formula.

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ally or economically a wage policy that denies a worker a six cents an hour increase when he is getting 50 cents an hour and gives C. E. Wilson a $58,000 increase when he doesn't need it, has something radically wrong with his mentality.

We want stability in our industries. We know our responsibilities. And I say that stability in a society of free men must rest upon a foundation of economic and social justice. You can have all the slogans and all the flag waving you want, but until you get justice for workers you are not going to achieve stability, because workers are going to fight for justice.

I say to you that we are prepared to cooperate in the mobilization of all the power that America possesses and we are determined to fight against Communist tyranny and aggression with all our strength on the battlefronts. But as far as we are concerned this it a two front fight. We wil fight the Commies on the battle fronts and we will fight the profiteers on the home front at the same time.

Our record needs no defense. We have demonstrated a high sense of responsibility, and we are prepared to make our contribution. But we are not prepared to stand idly by and watch the profiteers take the American people through the wringer in this period of emergency.

In the light of the scandalous profits, in the light of the fact that there is an attitude of complete disregard of basic responsibility in Washington and in the councils of industry, I think it would be tragic, dangerous, and unrealistic—it would be a disservice to the war effort—if organized labor in this period of profiteering and runaway prices would even remotely think of giving a no strike pledge. I say we have got to keep the right to strike as our only weapon to fight against injustice in America.

Now, you watch. They are going to try to pit the farmers and the workers against each other. We have to protect the farmers' right to a fair price and at the same time protect our position as consumers and wage earners. We are going to demand representation in the agencies of government.

They say we are on strike in Washington. We are not on strike. How can you go on strike when you have never been employed? We never got into the defense agencies.

I charged in the Labor Policy Committee rally in Washington a week ago that Charles Wilson, the head of the Mobilization Agency, was in violation of the Taft-Hartley Act. The Taft-Hartley Act says that it is illegal to have a closed shop. Well, they have got a closed shop of business representatives heading the operations down there.

We are not trying to plug up and patch up a couple of little grievances. The war mobilization effort is put together with old shoe strings, with rusty baling wire, and used chewing gum.

What we need down there is not a couple of grievances settled. We need a whole new basic contract to work under in Washington. And as far as we are concerned, that's what we are going after.

We have to do a job on the political front. We have brothers who make a lot of noise in front of the local unions when prices go up. When they wrapped the Taft-Hartley Act around our neck, when they threatened our over time, they cried, "Why doesn't the Union do something about these things?" And yet those same guys were sitting on their hands on election day and they didn't go out and vote.

We have to drive home the political facts of life. We have to fight economically and politically to carry on our programs. The worst political opponent American workers have is their own political negligence and their own lack of political consciousness.

We have got to organize the unorganized, and we have to unionize the organized, so they know what this is all about.

We have the price control problem; we have rent control; we have to win a decent tax program, housing, social security, a national health bill. We need civil rights and FEPC; and, yes, we have to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act. All these things require political action. We need political action back home. That is where it counts.

I believe that we should take advantage of the tremendous labor unity we are getting in the United Labor Policy Committee. I know that it makes your hearts feel good to see a United Labor movement getting together. I have said for a long time that the only thing that block labor unity are a few swivel chairs, and we should brush aside those swivel chairs so we can unite the labor movement in one powerful union. That is what we need.

We are making a beginning in this practical day-to-day labor unity, on the basis of which organic unity ultimately can be built. I believe we should try to get the United Labor Policy Committee to convene well in advance of the political conventions of the two major parties in 1952. We ought to get all of labor together in a big national labor political conferences. Then we should look at the score in America and ask ourselves, "Where are we going and what can we begin to do to fight effectively on the political front?"

We should say to the politicians of all the political parties, "Nobody owns us; we don't belong to anybody; and we won't be the tail of any political party's kite."

We have to fight on the political front just as effectively as we fight on the economic and bargaining fronts.

Mr. Wilson is responsible for a lot of things in Washington, and people in administrative positions who were elected to office may be able to delegate authority, but they can not abdicate responsibility. We do not like a lot of other things that are going on.

I feel the consideration of this resolution is one of the most important jobs before this Convention. The daily capitalistic press gets into the homes of our members 365 days a year. They carry management and big business messages to our people.

We do not get untarnished, unbiased news. The newspapers have to make money out of advertising and they generally carry the wishes and line of big business on all of the important questions of the day.

I want to cite two examples of how that is done in order to point up the importance of our beginning to do something concretely toward establishing a daily newspaper. About a year ago we had screaming headlines in the Detroit newspapers about some fire bombs being found in the trim shop of the Briggs plant. Anyone looking at the Detroit News or the Detroit Free Press might have had the impression that Mazey and his gang of thugs were starting a revolution.

What were the facts? We got into this situation and we found the Fire Marshal's office happened to be in the trim shop and some fire bombs were left over from the war for demonstration purposes to show the workers how to deal with fire bombs.

We cooperated with the FBI and the Detroit Police Department and management trying to determine how these bombs appeared in the trim shop. We found out after our investigation that same fellows in the trim shop were playing catch with these bombs, not knowing what they were, and that the Fire Marshal said that sabotage was not responsible for having those bombs in the trim shop.

We gave the newspapers that story on this question. Do you think that they would give us a headline which said that this was a hoax?

Do you think they would give us front-page coverage?

In a Detroit newspaper on page 37 there was a little paragraph and a half in which they told that this was all a hoax and that the guys were playing ball with these bombs and did not know what they were.

But a lot of people got the impression from those scare headlines that we were planning and plotting a social revolution in those plants, and the newspapers did not do a job of correcting that false impression which they had created by the headlines that they had dealing with that situation.

I had occasion a few months ago to spend some time in the city of Toledo, Ohio, and got to know how the nemspapers in that town operate. We have a newspaper in Toledo which is known at the Toledo Blade, and a morning newspaper which is known as the Toledo Times. Both are owned and operated by a man by the name of Paul Block, Jr., who happens to be the owner of those newspapers because he picked the right father.

Paul Block, Jr., has no qualification to be a newspaper publisher and owner. He would like to be a chemist. I can tell you from first-hand observation and conversation with that man that he has not got the brains to run a newspaper intelligently and honestly.

The managements in the City of Toledo decided that they were going to fight the Union's pension demands, and so managements and the newspapers got together and they began carrying on the most vicious campaign against our Union in that city that we have ever seen.

They began to attack Vice-President Gosser because he had the courage and the guts to say that the best way to have a pension program in that city was to have an area-wide pension plan so that if a worker was laid off in one plant and he got a job in another plant he would be able to maintain his credit—he would be able to have credit towards his pension.

The newspapers and managements organized a committee and they began to do a vicious job on our members. Unfortunately some people inside our Union were bought out by the newspapers and by management and becme part of this game of trying to destroy and discredit our Union. They started a lawsuit against our organization, and who do you think hired the attorneys for the individual who brought the lawsuit against our Union? That individual's name is John Bolman.

Mr. Block, in my presence, at a deposition hearing in the city of Toledo admitted that he had paid $5,000 in attorney's fees so that Mr. Bolman could bring a lawsuit against our organization — against our organization and our Union. The attorneys Mr. Block hired to handle these lawsuits are now the attorneys for the newspaper.

The court in the city of Toledo handed down an injunction making it impossible for us to look at the records of the Building Corporation of Local 12. The Building Corporation requested me and my auditing staff to audit the books of this Building Corporation. We met with the County Clerk and asked them to turn the books over to us so we could make an audit. The County Clerk refused to do it. We met with three appeals judges and we showed them their own order which stated briefly that we had a right of access to the books to carry on a normal business of the Building Corporation.

I pointed out to one of the judges that the auditing of these books and giving the membership a record of their assets was a normal business function. All three of the judges agreed with me. One said, "Mr. Mazey, you are perfectly right. You can use my courtroom to examine these books."

The others echoed his statement. In walked the attorneys for the Toledo Blade. I never saw three judges do a flip-flop as fast as those three did in my life.

When the attorneys Smith and Ells walked in they protested that we did not have a right to have these books. The judges then changed their position.

Now, I say that kind of a condition in America and in our American cities has got to be brought to an end, and we have got to begin working to build our own daily newspapers so that we can get the facts to our members and the general public so that we won't have monopolist newspapers like the Toledo Blade and the Toledo Times controlled by one man who happens to own it because he picked the right father and who has no qualifications to be a newspaperman or publisher.

I say we have got to make a change, we have got to change that condition in America and so I want to urge each and every one of you, when we talk about finances required to begin building newspapers, these are the problems we are talking about —to correct conditions like the Blade—to clean up newspapers like we have in the city of Detroit who do not give us the kind of break, the kind of decent news coverage that the people of this nation and our Union have a right to expect.

So I want to urge each and every one of you to give this problem serious consideration. Let's begin building the tools so that we can have our own newspapers and our people and the citizens of this nation can get hold of the facts.

I urge you to look at my report and see what we have been doing on the material fronts. We worked hard. I think that we have been successful in avoiding mass unemployment and layoffs in our industry. But there are still shortages of major materials.

Now, there is a matter which I want to clear up before I conclude, because I have had a couple of dozen delegates ask me about it, and I might as well tell you my position so you will all know. I do not think it is in good taste to talk about the possibility of a Senate opening in the State of Michigan. But because there has been a great deal of speculation in the newspapers and on the radio about the possibility of Walter Reuther being appointed to the United States Senate, I want to tell you my position.

Everybody must make up his mind where he thinks he can serve best and make the greatest contribution. I have made my decision and I can tell you now as far as I am concerned, I am not interested in being in the United States Senate. My heart belongs in the UAW, and this is where I am going to stay.

Yesterday General Clay, one of the assistants to Mr. Charles Wilson, resigned. I told the radio commentators and newspapermen, when they asked me if that meant that labor was going back in the defense program; "This is not a matter of personalities; it is a matter of principles." The newspapers were speculating about one Walter Reuther moving in to take Mr. Clay's spot. I want to clarify that.

I will make it very simple and very direct. I grew up in the coal mining section of West Virginia. Then I worked in the automobile plants, I ate trade unionism three times every day all my life. As far as I am concerned, I am not interested in fancy titles in Washington. I believe in this period of struggle I can make a greater contribution where I am, and that is where I intend to try to stay.

I want to stay here because I want to be a part of this great crusade that all of us are a part of—this crusade to get greater human security, greater human happiness, greater human dignity into the lives of millions of people throughout the world.

The struggle today is not a new struggle. It is the old struggle of the many with too little against the few with too much. It is the old struggle of human rights against property rights. It is the age-old struggle to establish the sovereignty of people over the sovereignty of profits. I want to be a part of that struggle inside the UAW because I believe with all my heart that the UAW is the most important force in the vanguard of the forces of free men in this historic struggle to build a new world.

And I say to you, let this Convention rededicate itself to these basic human and democratic values. Let us recapture that crusading spirit we had in 1937 and in the other periods or struggle, and let us resolve to go out of here together, more united, more dtermined than ever to go forward with the tasks to which we have dedicated ourselves.

And, with the help of God, I say we can make a great contribution in the building of that better world where people can live in peace—where people everywhere can have a fuller measure of economic security and dignity and happiness, and where we can fashion the future in the image of freedom and give substance to the noble principle of the brotherhood of man.

"Bingham Bingos"

By Elizabeth B. Edwards

It is because we are so inordinately proud of our Unit and of the gains that have been made for us, that we devote our entire column this week to a history of our Union's activities at Bingham, as compiled by William R. Weston, chairman.

Conditions in the Bingham plant in the depression years of 1932 and 1933 were very bad, as they were in most of the plants in the city and country. The Company had Labor under its thumb, and was really bearing down. Jobs were scarce, and if you had one, you considered yourself very lucky. In the latter part of 1933, the Company made three wage cuts: 5c the first time, and 4c twice thereafter. Wages for men stood at 32c an hour, and women received 22c an hour. The Foremen were operating a "Red Apple Club" for their relations and for the people who would slave the hardest. You came in and reported each morning, and sometimes you got to work all day and sometimes for only an hour. But you had to stay all day—or you didn't work at all. If you worked, you were barely existing, so it didn't take long for the people to wonder if something couldn't be done about their working conditions and wages.

A few of the boys in the plant pooled their thoughts and ideas and approached the AFL to see just what could be done about forming a unified group. In February 1934, we had the nucleus of organization in the Shop. When we finally had to strike, it lasted 3 days. We returned to work on the promise of the Company to negotiate within 30 days. But they failed to keep their promise, and we hit the bricks again — this time for 8 weeks. Upon settlement of this disruption, we found that we had a wage pattern of 40c per hour for males, and 30c for females. Compared to what we have today these small, hard-fought-for gains seem insifnificant, but they were the beginnings of recognition and collective bargaining. At this time, we were operating under the designation of Federal Union No. 18384-AFL.

In 1935, we signed a supplement to the '34 agreement and let it stand for another year. In 1936, the most noteworthy gain was a raise from 80% to 90% in our Bonus Pay. 1937 brought the first real contract as we understand the term today.. This was signed and set in motion under the aegis of UAW-CIO Local 12, 1938 saw a renewal of our '37 agreement and in 1939, our Union was named sole collective bargaining agent. 1940 was highlighted by the recognition of a closed shop agreement through our seniority clause—vacation pay was increased—and retroactive pay for any injustice on grievances was guaranteed.

1941 saw the establishmen of 2 hours pay when employees were called in and sent home. Vacation pay was boosted to 3%. 1942 brought about many changes in the seniority set-up, and 18 minutes paid lunch period was granted. 1943 was a repeat of the '42 contract. 1944 brought permission to smoke on the job, long needed from a psychological stand-point, as well as marked gains in the wage-field. 1945 furthered these monetary gains. 1946 gave us a new table of computation for our vacation pay, in addition to an 18c per hour boost. Among other strides forward, 1947 gave us 6 paid holidays. 1948 raised the call-in pay from 2 hours to 3 hours, as well as a 13c over-all increase. 1949 we operated on the '48 set-up.

But 1950 was a BANNER year for us! This year we saw a further increase in vacation pay, i.e., 1% up to 1 year — 3½% for 1 to 5 years — and 5% for 5 years and over — along with a tangible wage increase. But the real piece-de-risistance was the PLUM that was dropped right into our laps by the combined efforts of our International Vice-President Gosser, Regional Director Ballard, the Officers of Local 12 and our Shop Committee, carrying out the policy of the last Convention—the Insurance and Pension Plan that is in force today.

We have tabulated the following figures so that you might have facutal evidence of the economic achievements that our Union has obtained for us. Space does not permit the listing of all jobs. These were spot-chosen to bring about as composite a picture as possible of the over-all gains.

In reading this splendid record of accomplishment, does it occur to you how long, and patiently, and diligently and intelligently your past leaders from the International officers on down to your Shop Committees have worked to make these gains? Can you picture in your mind the worry and concern, and uncertainty and responsibility they suffered in their endeavors in our behalf? It would be well for all of us to bear this memory with us at all times, and to practice what they want from us — good unionism — cooperation — and support.

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Greetings From

Ayling and Reichert

By Jessie Meyers

I just returned from UAW-CIO convention in Cleveland, Ohio and my what a thrill but I'm kinda tired so don't expect to much, what a thrill to see those 2,500 delegates fighting for our union rights.

Our hats should be off to Mr. Walter Ruether also for having the ability to put across to the people of CIO.

We sincerely hope that he is re-elected, also all officers are also re-elected especially "Gosser Our Leader." Sincere congratulations, to each and everyone they deserve a lot of credit, also to a successful convention.

Our shop was saddend this week by the sudden death of "Our Miss Allie," may her soul rest in peace, a very sweet likeable person who will be greatly missed by everyone. "Our Loss is Heaven's Gain". Our sympathy is extended to the Clayton Family.

Two of our employees became mother-in-laws over the weekend. Maude Coker's daughter got married, also Lois King's daughter Donna Bell who works at our shop got hitched too. I don't know Haude's daughter name but Donnabell's new name is Mrs. Arnold Szakovits.

Lots of luck to both you gals!

Dorothy Schuster's dad is sick with the flu. Hurry and get well dad.

Rose Shultz, Leola Sheriff and many others are also on the sick list. Hurry and get well.

Did everyone see Bozo's new "Ice Cream Wagon", golly kinda expensive for a ice cream wagon, I guess that light on top must be to see if you have Chocolate, vanilla or strawberry.

Say Bozo how are things at home now that Denny has his greetings from Uncle Sam? Good luck Denny!

I still have a few group pictres left if anyone wants one.

Don't forget those tax stamps for Local 12 Summer Camp.

See you next week.

Jessie.

Camera Club News

As there isn't any meeting tonight I can't tell you too much except, I wish I had of had a camera at the CIO convention in Cleveland this past week-end, Betty Grable competition with as Mr. A. Shenofsky, is giving those fancy stockings which he is wearing with his "Swiss' outfit, other than that there was much chance for photography at the convention.

As I haven't talked to Mr. H. Seive, as to what is on the agenda for April 9, but I'm sure whatever it is it well worth all the members coming too in an entire membership. Don't you forget to get yourself here Penny Wise.

See you Monday,

Your Sec. Jessie

P. S. I have a big announcement was given to me by Elva Reno.

Wedding of Jeanette Zahs will take place in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Buckeye & Erie Sts. on April 14, 1951. The lucky man is Anthony Carlo. Everyone is invited to the ceremony.

I understand there is going to be a shower soon for Jeanette, hope you get a lot of lovely things.

Lots of luck on the sea of matrimony, Mr. and Mrs. Carlo.

Air-Way Airings

By Bill Osenbaugh

Hello again, back among us after being off sick are: Ruth Billings, Della Gray, Ann Bloomfield, Irvin Rumpf and Walter Shape.

Walter Shape got quiet a scare last week when a load of cartons fell from the truck and hit his heel. Bet you thought someone was mad at you, how about it Walter?

We don't want to forget Phyllis Fischer and Chet Nadolny who have been in Wm. Roche Hospital for quite a long time. A card sent to them would make them feel like they are not forgotten.

We are going to miss Zig and Jack this week. They are attending the International UAW-CIO Convention that is being held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Who is the girl from the Inspection Dept. that received a bouquet of roses for her birthday last week. Couldn't be you "Issie" could it?

Well, we are sorry to say that the big raise in production did not come off as we expected. The Company says they are unable to get the needed material. We are glad to see the sprayer job back though.

When the Company built the conveyor they did not take into consideration that some employees who work off the conveyor are really short. Gertie Warner was seen standing on a box to get motors off the line. Tch, tch.

Jim Goodspeed seems to be trying to imitate Clark Gable with his mustache.

Dick Armitage says he uses will power to get home by 9:00 o'clock on bowling nights, but we wonder if it isn't wife power.

Well he done it again. Sam Czech won high over average with 68 pins. "Gee Wiz", Wanda Walker made the honor roll with a average of 192. The Bowlerettes are high on the team standings.

If you want to hear a long drawn out story ask Don Wright who owes two bits. Come on, Donnie, don't leave us in a muddle.

We have had a few reports that some of the members are not receiving their benefits from the Aetna Insurance. To get your full amount of benefits from your Insurance Policy, you must get the proper forms from the Personnel Office and have them filled out accordingly, then return them to the Personnel Office. (From your Insurance Committee).

If you have any kind of news, birthdays or hear of any one sick, please let your committeeman or Steward know, or you can drop it in the Union Office and we will see that it will get in the Air-Way Airings.

This is all for this week, but you will hear from me next week.

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Address By Philip Murray To The Convention

I am happy to have the opportunity of again being with you in one of your great conventions. I consider the United Automobile Workers to be one of the greatest labor organizations not only in the United States of America but in the entire world, and I take pride in the fact that I have grown up with you. As an officer of the Congress of Industrial Organizations I was privileged to endure the rigor of many of your early struggles beginning with the year 1937 and following through until the present year. . .

It has been a source of great personal gratification to me to have the privilege, — yes, indeed the honor — of working with your distinguished President and his associates. Your organization is a bulwark of strength not only to the movement with which you are affiliated, the CIO, but it is indeed a great strength to the entire labor movement and, in fact, to our great country, the United States of America. . .

You are again meeting at a time when your nation has been required to undergo the rigors of a grave national and international emergency. I cannot recall a time, at least in the history of the American labor movement, or, in fact, in the history of our great country, when our nation and its people were confronted with more serious problems than they are required to meet up with today.

These problems, these difficulties and this world confusion in which we presently find ourselves is directly attributable to the hand of a mighty aggressor. Manifestation of this form of aggression are to be found in many forms. It takes place in the form of military aggression in Korea where thousands of our young men have already sacrificed their lives in the conflict which is presently going on in Korea. . . .

But the conflict is not necessarily confined to one of arms. It is also a propaganda conflict. This propaganda war is making itself manifest not only here in the United States of America but in every country throughout the entire world. So, while many of our citizens for the moment may give but passing attention to the Korean aspect of the present world conflict, we must necessarily give sober reflection to the continued propaganda war which is going on all over the universe. This propaganda war, conducted as it is by the Politburo in Moscow and its satellites throughout the world, is being felt in almost every home throughout the entire world.

One, therefore, must not satisfy himself in the realm of smug content and say to himself that this almost terrifying conflict, through the rigors of which we are no wpassing, is about over. It has just begun. The heavy hand of the aggressor, the heavy hand of the dictator, is felt by the peoples of the entire world.

It is, therefore, the bounden responsibility and the very grave duty and obligation of great movements such as yours to fight not only for the defense of and the maintenance of our freedoms here in the United States of America but for the perpetuity of the freedoms of all the peace-loving peoples throughout the universe, wherever they may be.

I noted a slogan in your report which emphasizes to a greater degree than can, perhaps, my mere words here this morning, the kind of fight we are presently engaged in. That slogan says that the war must go on for bread, for freedom and for peace, and it is to those words that this great movement of ours has dedicated its life—a struggle for the establishment of universal freedom and universal peace for all of the people throughout the world. . .

Those, my friends, are the aspirations of the labor movement of the United States of America and they are the aspirations of the officers of your great organization, the United Automobile Workers.

This struggle to which I have made reference has brought into our midst a national emergency, a declaration to that effect being made by the President of the United States in the latter part of December, 1950. That declaration brought to our attention very forcefully the need of all the democratic nations, and particularly the United States of America, to build up the kind of national defense mechanism necessary to the perpetuity of democracy not only in the United States but throughout the world.

Through and from that declaration of national emergency issued by the President of the United States there was brought into being the ODM, the Office of Defense Mobilization. There was brought into being under the general supervision of the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization many agencies whose purpose it is and was to build up this structure of national defense to protect you and to protect the millions of people not only in Europe but in every country throughtout the universe, to protect your homes, to protect your wives, to protect your children, to protect your country, and to advance the cause of freedom, bread and peace.

I should like it to be understood that the Congress of Industrial Organizations subscribes wholeheartedly in its support of our goverenment in our national effort to develop adequate national defense. I should also like it to be known that the Congress of Industrial Organizations unites with all of the liberty-loving peoples of the universe in our nation's fight against Communistic aggression wherever it may raise its hoary hand or head. . .

I have made this brief statement with respect to the position of the National CIO in these international matters in order that our delegates attending this Convention may have, if possible, a greater appreciation and a better understanding of our policf and of our position with respect to the international situation.

We have in the process of developing defense mobilization in the United States encountered some difficulties. These difficulties I am quite sure have already been brought to your attention by the officers of your organization. It is unfortunate that the structure of the defense mobilization organization in the city of Washington is such that its complete control has been placed securely in the hands of a segment of the national population that evidently has no interest, or very little interest, in advocating the things to which you and I have already subscribed.

To construct, build, and develop a democratic system of national defense mobilization, it is reasonable to assume that the pricipal segments of the national population will be provided adequate representation on all policy-making agencies that have to do with the promotion of national defense. Unfortunately the present structure of the Office of Defense Mobilization has not permitted the kind of representation that organized labor, at least, subscribes to. The organized labor movement of the United States in the present struggle over this defense mobilization controversy is not attempting to secure for itself any selfish promotional representation.

The organized labor movement is fighting for a bona fide, democratic system of true representation in the office of Defense Mobilization. When we say that, we are saying that the public, the farmer, business and labor should be adequately represented on the policy-making level in all of those agencies.

This is not a labor fight; this is a struggle to protect our democratic way of life, to advance the democratic way of living, and to apportion on a properly and truly representative basis adequate representation in each of the Defense Mobilization agencies for all of the important settlements of the people of the United States of America.

What is wrong with that?

What is basically or fundamentally wrong with that? Labor is not making a fight to run the Defense Mobilization agencies. Labor is making a fight to have all of these various groups of peoples who comprise the United States of America properly and adequately represented in the defense mobilization effort.

Who can argue against that? . . .

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GOSSERISM

By Wednesday, the delegates had heard a lot of oratory—some of it good.

But there comes a time in the life of every delegate to a convention when the torrent of words blared into squawking microphones would dull their appreciation even of a solo on Gabriel's Trumpet.

It was at this precise point that Vice President Richard T. Gosser rose to make his speech accepting his nomination for re-election.

"I accept the nomination," said Gosser.

Then he sat down.

Send Silver

Paul Silver, president of Local 351, nominated for the Vice Presidency, made a long speech before anyone discovered he intended to decline.

During the speech, he devoted a lot of time to a denunciation of Syngman Rhee, the dictator-president of South Korea.

By the time half the delegates realized Silver was not campaigning against Syngman Rhee, the other half was wishing Silver might go over to Korea and do his campaigning there.

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T. Koznek	177	199	163	Average	140	140	140
W. Stevens	152	172	189	C. Kwiatkowski	137	151	155
A. Dobrochowski	128	184	187	H. Lewandowski	125	146	168
Total	745	891	836	Total	729	789	784

TOLEDO PRESSED STEEL				W. O. DRIVEWAY			
W. Szafarowicz	170	139	206	A. Ross	139	155	194
B. Mikolojczyk	191	161	154	W. Bishop	157	152	181
F. Grajczyk	170	182	166	V. Ball	156	138	179
R. Englehardt	161	164	174	B. Langlois	172	160	146
L. Rybka	163	176	174	M. Aumiller	154	212	175
Total	855	822	874	Total	778	817	875

WILLY'S UAW				W. O. UNIT			
G. Rock	180	213	155	E. Leffel	209	168	162
G. Lipe	175	178	222	F. Bowell	170	161	153
B. Millen	160	185	117	J. Majoros	156	219	193
L. Zielinski	171	128	156	R. Zielas	211	150	151
L. Florkowski	185	141	166	D. Mattoni	182	172	143
Total	871	845	816	Total	928	870	802

DeVILBISS				TOLEDO STEEL TUBE No.1			
R. Holey	149	180	168	W. Szymanowski	154	173	154
P. Loehrke	174	177	127	V. Crawford	178	160	189
V. Warchol	162	167	163	M. Matuszynski	169	159	137
A. Poitinger	204	174	163	S. Smieszny	127	145	133
O. Sm't'n'wicz	175	164	171	R. Matuszynski	177	196	164
Total	864	851	792	Total	805	833	777

COLONIAL HARDWARE				FLYING SQUADRON			
F. Hood	146	183	132	C. Miller	141	202	158
G. Aufdenkampe	123	120	114	J. Stafford	148	141	161
G. Toth	132	135	152	C. Johnson	125	150	149
L. Gerke	157	154	127	D. Seretsky	140	152	163
B. Hammer	122	121	157	B. Walker	152	169	197
Total	680	713	682	Total	706	814	828

BINGHAM				TOLEDO STEEL TUBE No. 2			
E. Machinski	121	187	222	W. Adamski	164	130	158
A. Bradley	160	146	141	H. Waffle	182	157	139
J. Czlapinski	148	171	213	B. Sutton	146	141	164
O. Owczarczak	140	154	168	F. Vore	160	177	176
J. Wisniewski	151	235	188	A. Manuzak	138	142	172
Total	720	893	932	Total	790	747	809

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PAC				AUTO-LITE			
C. Pawlecki	157	168	151	J. Przybysz	178	166	172
P. McClellan	152	158	159	V. Pawlowski	153	232	177
L. Zielinski	189	143	168	Z. Humanski	161	147	153
Z. Klosowski	181	141	176	K. Lent	190	207	163
B. Kubacki	170	186	179	S. Trzcinski	184	168	155
Total	849	796	833	Total	866	920	820

BODY SHOP				UNION JOURNAL			
B. Wieland	158	139	134	B. Lewandowski	211	189	162
J. Gilgenbach	145	165	176	G. Lipe	187	137	181
H. Larberg	144	151	222	H. Lewandowski	189	149	146
B. Stroud	134	141	174	G. Rock	187	159	174
G. Mezinko	173	158	168	F. Flowers	160	193	197
Total	754	754	874	Total	934	827	860

W. O. No. 1				BUDDIE'S LUNCH			
A. Henes	163	184	124	P. Bronkie	183	188	171
F. Bowell	180	154	148	C. Michalak	152	107	184
V. Cianhcetta	143	176	155	S. Kusz	152	159	157
S. Csengeri	157	145	124	D. Warner	174	179	192
L. Gadus	155	172	154	J. Mroz	149	151	163
Total	798	831	705	Total	810	784	867

W. O. No. 2				BURKE FOR CONGRESS			
E. Chapman	107	131	169	R. Englehardt	171	168	179
S. Kastel	131	139	156	V. Mikol	163	145	151
L. Rimboch	157	176	149	V. Warchol	126	164	164
S. Filipiak	148	164	141	J. Niedbalski	137	183	167
E. Jenkins	148	193	145	O. Sm'kt'n'wicz	187	175	137
Total	691	803	760	Total	784	835	798

First Base Women's League

Jones & Laughlin				Bingham Stamping			
A. Parker	159	134	124	D. Collins	113	103	102
Woodring (avg)	128	128	128	V. Kujawa	123	186	113
G. Jordan	132	158	129	V. Haupricht	131	123	127
K. Przybylski	126	139	119	M. Schmith	127	145	135
L. Johnson	112	112	131	A. Hill	171	155	158
TOTAL	657	671	631	TOTAL	665	712	635

Region 2B				Willys-Overland			
J. Smith	126	111	117	H. Kelley	123	119	121
R. Gosser	122	106	124	D. Todd	127	122	123
F. Aufdenkampe	145	145	107	A. Barker	130	102	134
H. Toth	116	110	125	Low Score	116	106	107
B. Newman	137	127	124	M. Jones	125	117	120
TOTAL	646	599	597	TOTAL	621	555	605

Local 12 Dues Girls				Champion Sparks			
A. Pompos	125	145	122	M. Blatt	131	159	149
B. Dean	121	115	95	C. Brunner	141	146	123
M. Barto	74	112	108	B. Lucas	134	145	155
H. Daley	118	88	99	L. Moore	103	135	152
A. Kries (avg)	86	86	86	M. Hein	126	140	145
TOTAL	524	546	510	TOTAL	635	725	724

Champion Champs				Local 12 Bar			
R. Marten	142	160	156	D. Szymanowski	113	133	125
D. Tesch	137	126	147	G. Gibson	93	131	131
B. Young	109	135	102	L. Shoenfelt	94	106	115
H. Kenngott	186	178	181	B. Lahr	159	108	148
A. Kujawa (avg)	144	144	144	L. Krolak	166	139	172
TOTAL	718	743	730	TOTAL	625	617	691

Shuffleboard Sweeps Entries Coming Fast

Word has been received from Jim over at Jim's Night Club at 1103 Detroit ave. that entries are coming in fast for the Toledo Shuffleboard Sweepstakes that will be held there beginning April 21 and running through May 13th. There is no deadline for entries as long as the entry blank is in by the last week of play.

The following rules will govern the play.

1. Teams will consist of two players.

2. Winner will be decided on best of two of three games, straight elimination.

3. Teams must give choice of three dates, earliest entrants will be given preference.

4. The first place winners of each afternoon and evening sessions will be eligible to compete in the finals which are scheduled for May 20. Sixteen teams will compete in the finals.

5. If a team is late for the scheduled hour, the first game will be forfeited and the second and third games may be played provided the second games of the shift have not already started.

6. Competition is limited to men and women 21 years of age and over.

7. Any player who is eliminated may re-enter with a new partner.

8. Official American Shuffleboard rules will be followed.

9. Players will be notified the time and date they are scheduled to play and teams should be present at least one-half hour prior to the scheduled hour of play.

10. Any deviation from the original team line-ups as submitted on the entry blank must be corrected at the time of registration or one hour prior to each match.

11. Prize moneys will be paid immediately at the close of the match at the Finals.

12. Entry fee $5.00 per team, Grand prize $200.

Entry blanks can be obtained from Jim at 1103 Detroit ave., the Local 12 Bar, Norm Meyers, Recreation Director at Local 12 or from your favorite tavern in your neighborhood.

Jim has also announced that beginning April 13 and closing on the 15th an Ohio State Shuffleboard Tournament will be held at his Nite Club, with play getting underway at 8 p.m. each evening. There will be 15 teams in action. There are four women's teams entered represented by Humpy's Tavern, Vargo's Nite Club, Roby's Nite Club and Melody Inn all of Toledo. The men's teams entered are Jack's Tavern, Bradner, O.; Rock Inn, Rocky Ridge, O.; Last Chance Inn, Fultonham, O.; Westwood Tavern, Toledo; Vick's Ideal Lunch, Luckey, O.; Mo-Del, Toledo; Happy Hour, Oak Harbor, O.; Oscar's Wildcats, Zanesville, O.; Norm's Place, Oak Harbor, O.; Oilly's Nite Club, Toledo, and Art's Tavern, Oak Harbor, O.

Baseball Chatter

Ed Walsh, a member of the Chicago White Sox in 1908, pitched in 66 games and only walked 56 men. He had a record of 269 strike outs in 464 innings. Although George Uhle of the Cleveland Indians allowed 378 hits in 1923, he managed to win 26 games that year. Morgan Gardner Bulkeley of Connecticut, was the first National League President, later he became Governor of that state and then was elected United States Senator. Vernon Kennedy, pitcher for the White Sox in 1935, who threw a no hitter against the Cleveland Indians that year was a 10-sport athlete in his college days. He calls State Teachers College of Missouri his alma mater. He also won the decathlon championship of the U.S. at the Pennsylvania Relays in 1927, setting a new record.

Lay That Pistol Down

Sportsmen from the United States to Canada to hunt or fish should remember one thing, it is unlawful to take pistols or revolvers into Canada. Other firearms such as shotguns and rifles that are to be used for sporting purposes may be transported across the border without any trouble. There is one requirement that must be met however, they must be registered with the custom authorities at the point of entry. It is also a good idea to register guns with the American customs officials so as to avoid any possible difficulties on the return trip.

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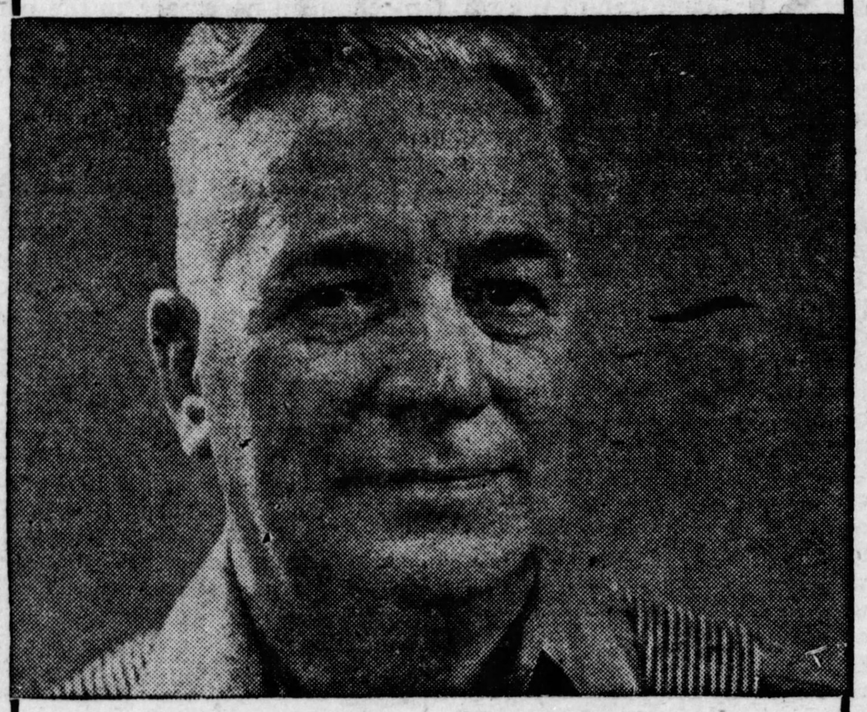

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Something's Gotta Give As Merks Meet Gulls

Toledo Mercurys and the Atlantic City Sea Gulls will meet Saturday night in the Toledo Sports Arena in the seventh and final game of the semifinal round in the United States Senior hockey championship play, and for the right to meet the Miami Valley Bruins of Troy, O., in the final round for the national challenge trophy.

The Mercurys staged an amazing comeback before 2,200 wildly enthusiastic fans Wednesday night to defeat the Gulls 7 to 4 and square the series. This sterling and startling exhibition of hockey was a distinct reversal of form, as the Mercurys had lost two straight in overtime play on their home ice by scores of 4-3 and 2-1.

With two days of rest Coach Alec Wood hopes to have some of his crippled players in better shape for the final contest; Jack Andrews, Don Hall and Johnny McGrath still nursing injuires. Also the two days should help alternates Leo Richard and Billy Purcell to get in better condition should they be called upon again.

The enthusiasm of the unexpectedly large crowd Wednesday indicates that the Sports Arena capacity may be taxed Saturday night, but General Manager Andy Mulligan has stoutly insisted he will adhere to his policy of holding 1,000 seats to go on sale at 7 p.m., in order to give fans from out of the city an opportunity to see the play.

The Miami Valley Bruins finished their semifinal series last Sunday by eliminating the Hibbing, Minn., Saints three games to one, and kept sharp this week by playing two exhibition games with the Cleveland Barons of the American League. The winner of the struggle here Saturday night between the Mercurys and the Sea Gulls will open the final round against the Bruins at Troy Sunday.

Sunday's The Day Fenders Will Fly

By Norm Meyers

The fenders will fly along with various other parts of cars this coming Sabath when the boys get the green flag out at "Skippy" Jechura's Raceway park in the opening event that will be the beginning of another banner season of stock car and midget racing for the coming season. The races will be run under the sanction of the new All Star Racing Association which has been formed this past winter.

Among the well known drivers who will have a lead right foot to give the fans all the thrills and chills they enjoyed last year will be Iggy Katona, "Spinner" Kenny Nemire, Buddy Huseman, Johnny Jozsa, "Wild" Bill Naida, Keith Ames, "Shorty" Mitchell, Bucky Sager, "The Leopard Kid" Oscar Ormar, and not to forget "Uncle" Fibber Walters the rim riding kid from the East Side, and a host of others. The boys have spent a lot of time working on the track since the close of last season and expect to have everything in ship shape before long. A new ½ mile track is being built and will be finished sometime within the next month.

This years races will feature 49 and 50 models with Fords and Mercurys predominating the field. The boys have spent all winter getting their cars in shape and competition will be tough.

The events listed for Sunday, April 8th will start at 1:30 p. m. with the time trials on tap, followed by the main events which will get under way at 2:30 p. m. There will be 4 heat races, the Australian Pursuit and 2 semis along with the main event. The admission prices will be the same as last year, general admission $1.25, box seats $1.75 and childern free when accompanied by parents.

There will be plenty of hot dogs, lots of hot coffee and for those of you who like beer there will be plenty of that too. The refreshment stands will again be under the managership of "Shaky" who keep all you fans happy in between races last year.

Masters of romantic ballads, classical and operatic arias, comedy and instrumentals, the celebrated Ames Brothers will display their varied talents in person at the Guy Lombardo concert at the Toledo Sports Arena Saturday night, April 14. Their remordings are now in the best seller class.

Spring Practice Starts At OSU

COLUMBUS, O.—Ohio State Uniersity's new football coach, W. W. (Woody Hayes launched spring practice this week. Practice will be conducted daily until the annual high school clinic week-end, May 11-12, feature of which will be, as far as Buckeye grid aspirants are concerned, the intrasquad game in the stadium.

Clinic speakers have been announced as George Munger, University of Pennsylvania coach, and Junius Ferrall, of Barberton, O. high school, both exponents of the single wing, and Charles Thackera of Hamilton, O. high school who will join Hayes in presenting the "T" offense.

Fourteen lettermen from the 1950 team, which won six games and lost three, will be absent when Hayes takes over the squad he inherited from former coach Wesley Fesler. Gone are Linemen Tom Watson, Ed Bilkie, John Biltz, George Endres, Jerry Manz, Bob McCullough, Bill Miller, Bob Momsen and Bill Trautwein and Backfielders Bob Demel, Dick Elwood, Chuck Gandee, Karl Sturtz and Dick Widdoes.

Barring unforeseen problems, 26 lettermen could be available. The veterans are headed by Captain Bob Heid, center. Others who figure to be in the picture are: Ends Ralph Armstrong, Dick Anderson, Dick Walther, Bob Grimes and Sherwin Gandee; tackles, Joe Campanella, Jim Hietikko, Dick Logan, and Julius Wittman; Thor Ronemus, Carroll Smith guards, Paul Faehl, Lou Fischer, and Steve Ruzich; center, Tom Rath; quarterback, Tony Curcillo; halfbacks, Vic Janowicz, 1950 unanimous all-American selection, Fred Bruney, Richard Doyle, Ray Hamilton, Walter Klevay, Bernie Skvarka, and fullbacks Jack Wagner, John Hlay and Bob Koepnick.

All but two of the lettermen are graudates of Ohio high schools—Doyle (Rochester, Pa.) and Fischer (Charleston, W. Va.)

Seventeen of the lettermen will be facing thir third and final season of competition. Nine were sophomores last fall.

Joining the lettermen will be approximately 20 members of last year's junior varsity, about 40 members of the 1950 freshman squad and any newcomer who desires to report for the first time.

Harry Strobel, head freshman coach, and his assistant, Gene Fekete, expect the following current frosh to cut a swath in spring practice:

Ends — William Micochero, Cuyahoga Falls; Ted Katula, Campbell; Bernie Knapic, Youngstown, and Robert Yurick, Lakewood; tackles — Irv Denker, New York City and Harry Edginton, Toledo; guards —Mike Takacs, Massillon; Geo. Jacoby, Toledo, and Tom Reed, Wapakoneta; centers — Bob Epps, Columbus; Don Dawdy, Cincinnati, and Jim Merrell, Geneva; quarterback, Tom Hague, Rocky River; halfbacks — Dick Ernst, Cincinnati; Geo. Rosso, Pittsburgh, and Bob Joslin, Middletown; fullbacks — Earl Bechtel, Fredericktown; James Ebner, Cleveland, and Bob Thornton, Willard.

Earl Bruce of Cumberland, Md., an ineligible sophomore last fall by reason of being one hour short in academic hours, also will be available.

No News Good News?

Due to the press of convention copy in this edition, it was necessary to eliminate "At Doehler-Jarvis." Dick Mueller's column will be back next week, however.

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It was a handful of confetti flung into the aiir at the Local 12 table that set of the demonstration when Bill Healey placed Dick oGsser's name in nomination at the convention. The whole convention hall went wild a moment later.

Gosser Nomination

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He had led the union fight that won security for those same workers.

He helped win those people pensions.

He helped win those people insurance benefits.

He helped win them paid vacations — paid holidays — and more and more of the good things of life.

He helped win those things in one pitched battle after another — pitched battles against tear gas — on the picket lines and over the bargaining table.

The enemies of Labor feared him because they could not buy him — and so they called him unreasonable!

They feared him because they could not stop him — and so they called him a dictator!

They feared him because they could not scare him — and so they pretended he was some sort of menace!

Some deserted him. Some turned against him. Some sold out!

But — because he had built that union well — because he had unionized wherever he had organized — the overwhelming majority of the union stood firm.

He — and they — together — turned back that assault.

But — even while this assault was at its highest pitch — and even today — while it is still going on — he led and is still leading the organization of the unorganized — within the skilled trades and the competitive shops and in the runaway shops.

He is carrying on this organizing drive all over the nation in every region to bring the union to workers who need it most.

He is doing this because no concentarted attack in one region can swerve him from his job.

The unorganized workers in scattered plants like Borg-Warner, Auto-Lite, the Dana Corporation — in the foundries — in the Die Casting shops — all over the country have looked to this union man for help — and even at the height of the campaign against him, he has brought them that help.

No man in this union anywhere at any time has been put under dirtier — more unscrupulous assault!

No man in this union anywhere at any time has less deserved this persecution!

And so — with deep humility — with great pride — and with warm affection I place in nomination for Vice President of this great union, the name of Richard T. Gosser.

Convention

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tent was to gum the convention on a six or seven hour roll call, even though the decision was apparent.

It was on the request for a roll call that the maximum opposition was tabulated, with 495 votes recorded in favor. No count was taken of the objection to a roll call vote, since those in favor failed of the 700 established by the Rules committee as the minimum required to force the convention into the delegate-by-delegate count.

During the early debate on the dues structure, the convention turned on one of the demonstrations which regulars at UAW-CIO conventions have come to expect, with home-grown orators hitting the floor to express their views.

During that debate the convention got its first big laugh when a delegate from Atlanta Georgia fought for the mike, finally got it, and opened up on President Reuther with, "Walter, I'm going to straighten you out, see?"

His delivery had the delegates and the considerable gallery in hysterics for twenty minutes.

His point, when he finally got it out, was that "Walter" had better pay more attention to the rank-and-file and less to the "dead stalks" around him. Reuther assured him that he would.

An early flurry of debate was occasioned by the 700 rule, as left wingers rallied to fight it off, declaring that such a rule precluded a roll call in opposition to any administration-supported proposal.

But the report of the Rules committee carried.

Debate was touched off, too, by the resolution on Korea, where the Party Line got a thorough airing. The resolution carried.

The first formal vote of the convention was on the motion to accept the Convention Call. It was moved by Ernie Love, delegate from Doehler-Jarvis, Local 1058, the first delegate to hit the floor with a formal motion.

Convention call followed the opening address by President Walter P. Reuther (see page 5) who had been introduced by Pat O'Malley, regional director, presiding as temporary chairman.

After the invocation by Msgr. Robert B. Navin, president of St. Johns College in Cleveland, O'Malley introduced the president.

President Philip Murray addressed the convention Monday morning, and former Congressman Helen Gahagan Douglas on Tuesday morning (see excerpts elsewhere in the Journal).

It opened as a sober hard working convention with a lot of unfinished business before it.

The new dues structure was brought forward as the next practical step in the announced drive for the annual wage; for the continued fight on the political front to stop, and roll back, the encroachments of anti-union reaction in Washington and in the local and state governments; for an intensified organizing drive, one of them being the predicted drive to organize an estimated 100,000 forecast in an expanded aviation manufacturing industry; and in such parallel battles as the establishment of a new voice to combat the hostile press, an insurance company to derail the huge profits earned on the working people by the private insurance companies, and other programs as much a matter of community concern as they are matters of concern to Autoworkers.

The price-wage-profit problem stayed on the floor throughout—put there by Walter Reuther opening address, kept there by Philip Murray's address and the address by Mrs. Douglas, and brought to the delegate level by resolutions put on the floor.

And these essentially economic matters were tied in again with the political inroads made by reaction in 1950 and predicted as the major fight in 1951 and 1952.

It was a convention patently dedicated to the proposition that the largest democratic trade union in the world has outgrown the parochial and provincial problems of self interest and selfish gain, and had moved into the more mature realm of community and national responsibility.

It was obvious that the leadership would meet this new challenge and that the rank-and-file would support them.

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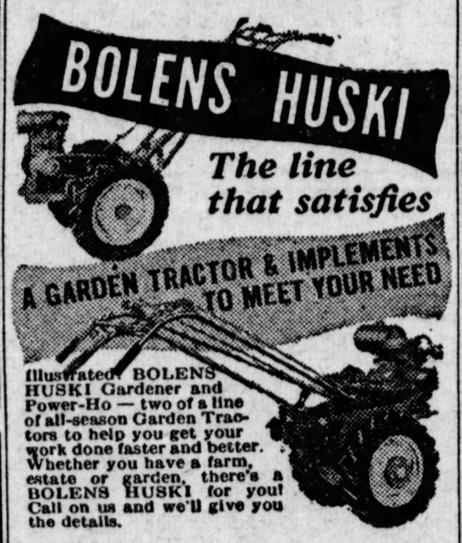

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